**INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY, 19TH JULY 2020**

God’s justice is always blended with mercy and loving kindness, so that we have real hope. Let us draw near to the just and merciful God, and pour out our concerns for the Church and for the world.

We pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines: Joel Pachao (Prime Bishop, and Bishop of Northern Central Philippines); in Sweden: Åke Bonnier (Bishop); for ALMA Sunday: giving thanks for our diocesan links with Angola and Mozambique, and pray for all the clergy and people there; for Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: for manual labourers; for Chelsea Deanery: Jenny Welsh (Area Dean); Deanery Synod: Mark Balcar (Lay Chairman), Ade Adebajo (Secretary); and for the work of Jo Stilwell, Area Bishop's Visitor. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

Lord our God, as we join the unending cycle of prayer on our planet, turning through time and space, we rejoice in your upholding, your mercy and forgiveness. In all our small-mindedness we ask for your inbreathing, so that we learn to look with your vision and act with your wideness of compassion. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray for the Church worldwide, for our own Church that we may find ways to both preach the word and serve our neighbour; for our neighbourhood and communities split apart by conflict or crushed by tragedy, praying for those involved with court proceedings; may our judicial system uphold your principle of justice and mercy, especially during this time of separation and crisis. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray that all elected civil and religious leaders may serve with wisdom, compassion and humility all the people in their care and that they may provide hope for their communities by assuring them of God’s abiding care and providence. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray for parents that may inspire their children to ground hope for their future in God’s tender and loving care despite all problems and anxieties and that they may know the value of their nurturing presence in the love of their families. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray that all of us gathered in church, our homes, or wherever we are, may find comfort in the Lord when our hearts are troubled and extend that comfort to others whose hearts are also troubled. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray for all who are on the frontlines of this COVID-19 pandemic, especially our health care workers and first responders, for all who are unable to stay at home, but must work to provide for their families, may God continue to protect them and keep them in good health. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

As we begin to return to a more social daily life and restrictions lessen, may we be guided by the Spirit to ensure a safe environment for ourselves and those around us. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray for our sick and those in need …………. May the risen Christ visit them with healing power and new hope. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

We pray for the recently departed and all who have died in the faith of Christ whose anniversary falls at this time……………. may they live forever with Christ in the glory of the resurrection. *Lord in your mercy,* ***hear our Prayer***

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord; **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*We pray with Mary…* **Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

Lord our God, in all the events and phases of our life we give you thanks for your steadfast and unchanging love which sustains us.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**